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TAGS: OVIP (SECRETARY SIMON), PFOR, SY

SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON SUBJECTS WHICH SECRETARY SIMON SHOULD RAISE DURING HIS VISIT AND TOPICS THE SYRIANS MAY RAISE TO WHICH HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND.

2. IN ADDITION TO PRESIDENT ASAD AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAYDAR WE THOUGHT SECRETARY COULD MOST USEFULLY SEE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE IMADI AND FINANCE MINISTER SHARIL DURING THE BRIEF TIME HE WILL BE THERE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON DESIRABILITY OF SEEING LATTER TWO SYRIAN OFFICIALS AND IF ONE OR BOTH APPOINTMENTS UNDESIRABLE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUBSTITUTES. ALTHOUGH WE ARE PLANNING ETA AT 12:15 AND WHEELS UP DEPARTURE AT 17:15 PM (PER SEPTTEL TO FOLLOW), DEPARTURE COULD BE DELAYED AS MUCH AS ONE HOUR IF NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE A FULL SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS AND EVENTS.

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3. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR REPLY ASAP TO ENABLE US TO BEGIN

PLANNING FOR SUBSTANCE OF VISIT. KISSINGER

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